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**SUBJECT: REPORT ON COMMISSIONER'S PARTNERSHIP AWARD FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSSD) AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (DPSS)**

We are pleased to inform you that Los Angeles County has received the Commissioner's Partnership Award for Promoting Collaboration between Child Support Enforcement and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Margo Bean, Commissioner of the Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, United States Department of Health & Human Services presented the award to our Chief Deputies, Steven J. Golightly and Lisa Nunez, during the Ceremony held in Arlington, Virginia on October 25, 2005.

The award was presented as a result of work accomplished by both departments to increase collaboration and child support collections. CSSD and DPSS, as a result of a Blue Ribbon Summit in August 2004, have enhanced our collaboration through several actions, including expanding child support data collection through the DPSS Home Interview Program and redetermination process and providing joint ongoing training.

In presenting the award, Commissioner Bean said:

"This collaboration between child support and TANF represents the best of its kind in the nation. What Los Angeles has done should be replicated throughout the country. It is increasingly important that our two agencies work together to enhance economic opportunities for our custodial parents who are also receiving public assistance. Los Angeles has figured out how to do this and I commend them!"

Both of our departments are committed to continuing our efforts to enhance collaboration between our child support and CalWORKs programs.

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